

H.Con.Res.128 – Authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, Gerald Rudolph Ford.

### **Floor Situation**

H.Con.Res. 128 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Vernon Ehlers (R-MI) on April 25, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on House Administration, but was not considered.

H.Con.Res. 128 is expected to be considered on the floor on May 22, 2007.

### **Summary**

H.Con.Res. 128 authorizes the federal government to print and bind a commemorative document in memory of President Gerald Ford.

#### Background

The document will consist of the eulogies and encomiums for Gerald Rudolph Ford, as expressed in the Senate and the House of Representatives, together with the texts of each of the following:

- The funeral ceremony at Palm Desert, California;
- The state funeral ceremony at the rotunda of the United States Capitol;
- ➤ The national funeral service held at the Washington National Cathedral in the District of Columbia; and,
- ➤ The interment ceremony at the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The legislation authorizes 32,500 copies to be printed. 22,150 copies will be available for the House of Representatives and 10,350 for the Senate.

In the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress the House passed S.Con.Res.135, allowing for the printing of documents for the Regan Funeral.

# Cost

H.Con.Res. 128 has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office but allows for up to \$600,000 worth of printing costs for the Gerald Ford documents.

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